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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE: APPLICATION OF )  
R. DAVID LEWIS, ET AL. ) IMPROVED FACE MASK FOR SELF  
SERIAL NO. 08/911,341 ) CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS  
FILING DATE: AUGUST 14, 1997 )  
EXAMINER: ASHER )  
ART UNIT: 3735 )  
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In response to the office action mailed February 4, 1999,  
please amend the above identified patent application as follows:

In the claims:

Cancel claims 4, 14 and 15.

Amend the claims as follows:

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1 (Amended). In a face mask for use with a self contained breathing apparatus, said face mask comprising a frame having a top and a bottom, a transparent face plate within said frame, a face seal fixed to said frame and surrounding said face plate, a nose cup within said face seal and towards said bottom of said frame, and strap means for holding said face mask to <sup>112</sup>(the face of a user) the improvement wherein said strap means comprises a head piece having a top end adjacent to said top end of said frame and a bottom end adjacent to said bottom end of said frame, a first